

VECTOR CONTROL FEE

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The purpose of the expansion of the Memphis and Shelby County Health Department's Vector Control Program is to prevent mosquito and rodent-borne disease epidemics. The program is science-based and operated by scientists (i.e., entomologist, epidemiologists, environmentalists) and technicians who specialize in vector-borne disease prevention and control.

The program has received regional recognition for its efforts to maximize mosquito and rodent control.

With city and county budgets not able to cover the needed expansion of the Vector Control Program throughout the county, the Memphis and Shelby County Health Department Director along with County Mayor and other representatives drafted state legislation which enabled the county to seek additional means of revenue to provide expanded services to Shelby County residents.

MOSQUITO AND RODENT CONTROL PROGRAM FUNDING STRATEGY

Vector Control State Bill

- 104th TN General Assembly approved legislation authorizing Shelby County to establish the Vector Control Fee to cover cost of operations on **March 19, 2005**.

Shelby County Resolution

- **August 8, 2005**, County Commission authorized a resolution to establish a Vector Control Fee of **\$0.75 per month on bills issued by MLG&W**.

Shelby County Mayor was authorized to enter into a contract with MLG&W to bill and collect fees as a designated item on its utility bill.

Vector Control effective date: October 1, 2005

The fee will **not** relieve property owners (commercial and residential) of their obligation to maintain vermin-free properties.